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HOUSE BILL NO. 525

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
on February 5, 2020)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Subramanyam)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 10.1-1307.04, relating to greenhouse gas inventory.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 10.1-1307.04 as follows:

§ 10.1-1307.04. Greenhouse gas inventory.

A. *The Board shall conduct a comprehensive statewide baseline and projection inventory of all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and update the inventory every three years thereafter. The Board may adopt regulations necessary to collect from all source sectors the data needed to update and maintain such GHG inventory.*

B. *The Department shall use or develop methods, consistent with guidelines or recommendations issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, for conducting such GHG inventory.*

C. *The Board shall include such GHG inventory in the report required pursuant to subsection H of § 10.1-1307, beginning with the report issued prior to October 1, 2021, and continuing every three years thereafter. The Board shall publish such inventory on the Department's website, showing changes in GHG emissions relative to an estimated GHG emissions baseline case for calendar year 2010.*

2. That any regulation adopted by the State Air Pollution Control Board to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Such regulation shall be filed with the Virginia Registrar of Regulations no later than January 1, 2021, and shall become effective upon filing. Thereafter, no amendment to or repeal of such regulation shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia).

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